

Amusements

POLPS

Charley Chaplin, who drags down \$670,000 a year for making people laugh, yesterday when his newest comedy, "The Floorwalker," was presented at Polp's, the production was a laugh from start to finish, and brought out a lot of novelties in Chaplin's entertainment. Charley disports as the floorwalker in a department store and has all manner of fun. His gyrations on the moving staircase is a scream and shows how hard he has to work to draw down that \$670,000.

Berlo's Diving Girls executed some daring dives in a manner that brought them merited applause. In addition to offering a lot of novelties, this unusual act introduced something new in a comedy way that was a surprise to the house. It might be mentioned that a 35-year-old woman enters into the surprise—the rest is too good to spoil by advance announcement.

"Silver Threads" is the title of a one-act comedy that was presented in a most pleasing fashion. The playlet is built along a new theme and had a most able presentation.

Lillian Herlein, who can sing well, presented a new repertoire of songs and proved as entertaining as ever, while Lockert and Waldron, in songs and dances contributed one of those nights that are welcome in any variety program.

Evelyn Dolly, in a skating and dancing novelty, completed the program in a very happy way.

In addition to the Chaplin picture, another big film feature was the five-part photodrama, "The City of Illusion." Started in this big society drama are Mignon Anderson and Paula Shay, supported by a most adequate cast. The picture is very interesting throughout.

PLAZA

How often have you found it necessary to visit a dentist's office and have you not always approached the door with a mingled feeling of timidity? It's ten to one you have had the none too pleasant experience but if all dental establishments were fitted up like that of Dr. Elaine's at the Plaza yesterday there would be little cause for apprehension. Dr. Elaine's office, a most elaborate and unique one, to be sure is the scene of "Mr. Inquisitive," the headline at the Plaza the first half and without question the most delightful and novel musical comedy-ette seen at a local playhouse in months. Berlo-Cavanaugh, the popular comedian, and a chorus of pretty young "doctorines" compose the cast. A singing and dancing act, which passed the best we have seen thus far at the Plaza was put over by King and Harvey. One of the boys has a wonderful voice that he uses to advantage while the other plays the comedy and with telling effect. It was unanimously voted a hit by yesterday's crowd.

Leonard and Dempsey, a man and woman who have made the good hay before in years gone by, had little difficulty in winning favor with their novel talker entitled "At the Club," while Lynch and Zeller, two exceedingly clever jugglers who keep up some pleasing chatter and put their stunts over in artistic fashion also had their "hats in the ring."

Bessie Barriscale had a splendid opportunity for the display of her emotional powers in "Not My Sister," a five-part Triangle play in which she was featured with William Desmond. The story of the play is rather out of the ordinary and hinges on the question, "Should a woman sacrifice the love and respect of her husband by having a dark chapter in her life, to save the honor of her younger sister?" It is well produced and intensely interesting throughout.

Mark Swain, the "Ambrose" of the movies, is starred in a laughable and thrilling Keystone two-part comedy entitled "A Bitter Pill."

EMPIRE

Sessue Hayakawa, the noted Japanese actor who recently created such a furor by his wonderful performance with Fannie Ward in "The Cheat," will be seen at the Empire this evening as the star in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "Alien Souls," a thrilling photodrama written especially for the Paramount Program by Hector Turnbull, author of his previous success. Since his engagement with the Lasky organization, Mr. Hayakawa has been seen only as a member of the company supporting a prominent star, as it was impossible to find a photodramatic production exactly suited to his requirements. Finally the famous dramatist, Hector Turnbull, was commissioned to write a play especially for this artist. In "Alien Souls," Mr. Hayakawa is seen as a wealthy dealer in Japanese curios and maddly in love with an American Japanese girl, played by Tsuru Aoki. How he saves her from the clutches of the money-grubbing young society man is shown in a play, gripping in its intensity. Hayakawa is surrounded by a cast of unusual excellence including such prominent artists as Earle F. Cope, George Barnard, Florence Smythe, Robert Grey, Isabelle Malone and others.

In conjunction with the Lasky Paramount masterpiece, "Alien Souls," will be shown an all feature select Universal program of single and multiple part subjects that will prove most enjoyable.

Tomorrow's features will be "A Million A Minute," a five-part Metro-Play featuring Beverly Bayne and Francis Bushman; the latest Sydney Drew comedy and the second episode of the greatest of all film series, "The Adventures of Peg O' the Ring," the mammoth Universal circus serial featuring those two ever popular stars of the screen, Francis Ford and Grace Cunard.

WEST END

Tonight Mary Boland and Frank Keenan will be seen in a new Triangle feature, "The Stepping Stone," in five acts.

The spectacle of Mary Baresford, the heroine of "The Stepping Stone," the new Triangle release starring Frank Keenan and Mary Boland, adding her unappreciative husband in his upward climb to success, is going to strike a responsive note in the hearts of many women and perhaps awaken consciences of some careless men.

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Chester Conklin and Shorty Hamilton will also be seen in "Buckin' Society," two-act Triangle-Keystone comedy. "Hearst-Vitaphone News" will also be shown.

Tomorrow, Robert Mantell and Genevieve Hamper in "A Wife's Sacrifice," five-act Fox feature. Tel. 2228-13.—Adv.

"VOLUNTEER ORGANIST"
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Cecil Spooner's popular company, with a play that has stood the test of time, "The Volunteer Organist," and with a number of novelties including a large choir of boys of this city, was warmly received by a large audience at the Lyric theatre last evening.

Miss Spooner plays the country girl, a type in which she is thoroughly at home. Her efforts in "The Volunteer Organist" are sure to make a pleasing remembrance for her many admirers here.

Fell Trenton makes a dignified village parson. Clarence H. Doty, as the volunteer organist, has a splendid role, the opportunity of which he has grasped. Frederick Clayton contributes to the general mirth by his enactment of Ebb Utter, the village constable.

"The Volunteer Organist" promises to be one of the season's best undertakings for the Lyric players.

FOSTER WILLIAMS AND HIS DAD, TOMMY, SCORE IN NEW YORK SUCCESSES

Bridgeport friends of Foster Williams, son of Tommy Williams, formerly of the Polp Players here, will be pleased to learn that he has been re-engaged for two years for an important role in "The House of Glass" company. Young Mr. Williams has been with the New York company, just closing, for some weeks. The production will go on the road next season.

Tommy-Williams yesterday started his 37th week with "Hit-The-Trail Holiday," the Cohan & Harris production, which has been one of the season's metropolitan successes. This company probably will play Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia next season and Mr. Williams has been re-engaged for his part.

Minstrels and Dance.

Many of the best known of the younger singers of the city will appear either as soloists or in the chorus of the Irish Minstrels to be given at Eagles' hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, under the auspices of Division No. 1, A. O. H. preparations for which are now completed. The entertainment which promises to be a hummer if rehearsals are any guarantee, will be followed by dancing music by Bracken's orchestra and O'Neill as the prompter. Those who attended the Irish minstrels last December were greatly surprised at the merit of the entertainment, and the one this week will surpass it in many particulars. Those old favorites, Toomey and Lynch, will be end men, with Misses Simpson and Lennon as "end ladies" and Attorney D. E. Brennan will be interlocutor. Jack Hughes, John Martin, George Rajotte will be among the soloists, and there will be a chorus of 40 voices. Among the young women who will participate are the Misses McNamara, O'Connor, Sullivan, Lombard, Lehn, Simpson, Mahoney, Walsh, Penton, Skane, Daly, O'Rourke, Kraft, Cummings, O'Neill, Judge, McGuire, Fitzgerald, Rock, Judge, Mahoney, McCarthy and Reh.

Chicago is planning to hold a preparedness parade to outdo New York's parade of last Saturday, in which 180,000 marched.

Six men were killed and more than 30 injured when an explosion occurred at the du Pont powder plant at Gibbstown, N. J.

Fire broke out on the steamer Rennselaer, en route from Albany to New York. The blaze was confined to the linen locker.

What is the present status of the law with regard to the enlistment of an American in the army of a foreign power?

Act of congress of March 2, 1907, relating to expatriation provides in section 2 "that any American citizen shall be deemed to have expatriated himself when he has been naturalized in any foreign state in conformity with its laws or when he has taken an oath of allegiance to any foreign state." Enlistment in some foreign armies or some sections of foreign armies does not involve taking an oath of allegiance to a foreign state. On the other hand, enlistment in other foreign armies does involve taking such an oath. It follows that American citizens may or may not expatriate themselves by enlistment in foreign armies, their status depending upon the laws and regulations governing the particular enlistment.

Please tell me what is the difference between a planet and a star? A planet is a star revolving in an orbit. There are eight major planets—Mercury, Venus, the Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. There are about 300 minor planets. A star is any celestial body which appears as a luminous point, which would include a planet, but the word star is supposed to refer to a fixed body. A planet's light is steady, while that of a star twinkles.

Will you please state briefly what caused the break between the Kaiser and Prince Bismarck and when it occurred?

Emperor William II. succeeded to the throne in 1888 and from the first showed a disposition to be his own chancellor. Bismarck at that time was seventy-three years old, and the Kaiser was only twenty-nine. The old chancellor could not stand dictation. Friction over a disagreement in policies increased till finally in 1890 it ended in Bismarck's dismissal from office.

Please give some facts about the speech known as "Pennsylvania Dutch," its origin, etc.

Pennsylvania Dutch or Pennsylvania German is a high German dialect spoken chiefly in the southeastern counties of Pennsylvania. It first entered the United States in 1683, when emigrants from the Lower Rhine, Alsace, Bavaria and Saxony and especially from the Rhenish Palatinate, Wurtemberg and Switzerland fled to this country. The language is primarily a Franconian dialect of German, although, in the course of time, many English words have been added. The term "Dutch" is, however, a misnomer and is due merely to the fact that the immigrants called themselves Deutsch (Dutch—that is German). Owing to religious isolation, the Pennsylvania Dutch long preserved their language with considerable purity, but its use, particularly in the towns, is steadily becoming more and more infused with foreign elements. The dialect has received comparatively little literary cultivation, although within recent years a number of poems have been

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Please reprint the proper manner in which to fly the flag on Memorial day.

On Memorial day the flag should be displayed at half mast from sunrise to midday. At noon the flag is hoisted to the top of the staff and remains there until sundown.

What is meant by the long session or short session of congress? The present congress is called the Sixty-fourth congress. How are sessions numbered? How often does congress meet regularly?

The constitution requires congress to assemble at least once each year, the date of meeting, which congress may change, being the first Monday in December. Representatives are elected for two years, and two regular sessions of each congress are held—the long session, from December of each odd year until congress adjourns, generally in the following June or July, and the short session, beginning when congress assembles in December of each even year and adjourns at noon on the following 4th of March. Every session that begins in December of an odd year is a long session, and that beginning in an even year must end by law on the 4th of the following March. The congress now in session is the Sixty-fourth congress since the formation of the government, with two regular sessions for each congress.

On April 7, 1868, the ambassadors of Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Austria-Hungary called upon President McKinley in a body and urged the preservation of peace.

Did any of the European powers try to prevent war between the United States and Spain? If so, which ones?

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In a recent speech the secretary of the treasury, Mr. McAdoo, was quoted as saying that under the federal reserve banking law a farmer may borrow money on real estate at 6 per cent from a local bank and the bank can deposit the security with the Federal Reserve bank and receive money on it at 3 per cent. Is there any such law in effect?

The law provides that any national bank not in central reserve cities may lend money on real estate mortgages to an amount not exceeding 25 per cent of its capital and surplus, or one-third of its time deposits, but no rate of interest is specified, and real estate loans cannot be used by member banks as security for obtaining funds from the federal reserve bank at 3 per cent or any other rate.

What are the Hungarian honveds? A special army under control of Hungary alone. The Austro-Hungarian army is divided into these classes: (1) The common army. (2) Austrian landwehr. (3) Hungarian honveds (the last two are special armies and under the control of Austria and Hungary as separate states respectively) and (4) landsturm.

What is the population of the Philippine islands? What is the area? Population, 8,460,032; square miles, 115,026.

What does the termination "polis," as in the name of some cities, signify? Polis is a Greek word meaning city and has been used from ancient times in that sense, as Adrianopolis, city of Adrian, or founded by Adrian; Constantinople, Latin Constantinopolis, city founded by Constantine; Heliopolis, city of the sun.

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